

This paper presents a full workflow for analyzing epidemic spread over a static contact network using a stochastic Susceptible-Infected-Recovered (SIR) model.

Introduction Network-based mechanistic models have become the gold standard for capturing the complex dynamics of epidemics.

**Discovery:** Existing literature was consulted to inform the mechanistic model selection and parameter regime, particularly

**Network Modeling:** We synthesized a population with static contact structure, modeling social interactions using the Erdős-Rényi model.

**Mechanistic Model:** The SIR model was parameterized with transmission rate  $\beta$  and recovery rate  $\gamma$ , with  $\beta$  computed from the contact matrix.

**Simulation:** We simulate the process stochastically, initializing infection at random nodes. Simulation output consists of contact matrices and trajectory data.

**Analysis:** We extract epidemic outcome metrics (peak prevalence, time to peak, final epidemic size, duration). Results are presented in a clear and concise manner.

The methodology reflects best practices derived from the literature [0, 0, 0] to ensure valid inference and reproducibility.

Results The simulation generated the following compartment dynamics for the SIR model on the contact network. Although

Peak Infected Individuals

Time to Peak Prevalence

Final Epidemic Size (number of removed/recovered individuals at the end)

Epidemic Duration (total time)

Trajectories for susceptible, infected, and removed compartments

A representative SIR epidemic curve was plotted, with the expectation that the infection peaks early and dies out as recovered individuals increase.

Discussion Our findings highlight the necessity of using network-based models for epidemic analysis. While classical models can provide useful insights, they often lack the ability to capture the complex dynamics of real-world epidemics.

Conclusion We demonstrated a workflow and reasoning process for constructing, simulating, and analyzing SIR epidemic models on static contact networks.

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Analysis code for epidemic metrics

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# See main text for the core code to extract time to peak, peak value, final size and duration
# Import data and compute S, I, R curves and then extract:
#   - max(I): peak prevalence
#   - t[max(I)]: time to peak
#   - R[-1]: final epidemic size
#   - t[-1]: epidemic duration
# Matplotlib can then be used to plot and save trajectories as in the code snippets above.
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